SIGURD ANDERSON
GOVERNOR

PIERRE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, commemoration should be made of the 245th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin January 17, 1706, in Boston; and

WHEREAS, 200 years ago Franklin, skilled in medicine, promoted in 1751 in Philadelphia the founding of The Pennsylvania Hospital, the first in the colonies and still in existence - of interest to all who use hospitals; and

WHEREAS, in 1776 Dr. Franklin signed the Declaration of Independence, which he had helped to draft; he left that fall for France where his efforts as American envoy secured the Treaty of Alliance of February 6, 1778; he later signed the Treaty of Peace with England and the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Franklin was a printer, publisher, author, editor, educator, advertising man, inventor, athlete, scientist, philosopher, diplomat, philanthropist, statesman, musician, cartoonist, humorist and, primarily, a Patriot; founder of the State Militia - now the National Guard of Pennsylvania; also later a founder of the U. S. Navy; founder of the circulating library system on this continent and the University of Pennsylvania, first chartered fire insurance company 1752, first anti-slavery society, also first thrift campaign in the colonies, as well as daylight saving; in 1752 "snatched the lightning from the skies"; also inaugurated Philadelphia's police, fire, street-cleaning and street-lighting departments; and was first Postmaster General; and

WHEREAS, celebration of Franklin's Birthday, though without a holiday, has been urged by Congresses of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution; also by many other groups,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, hereby call upon the citizens of the State appropriately to pay tribute to the memory of Benjamin Franklin, one of the founders of our Nation, and one of the greatest men of all time. Let Franklin's birthday, January 17, be patriotically celebrated - especially in the schools.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed, this 10th day of January, 1951.

ATTEST:

Geraldine Ostroot
Secretary of State

Sigurd Anderson
Governor

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